University of Padua
EXCHANGE FACTSHEET
Information for Partners and Incoming Students
non-Erasmus Bilateral Agreement students

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1 General information

Institutional details

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Useful websites

- Bilateral Agreements - Incoming students
- The Course Catalogue
- Key Academic Dates
- Welcome Days
- Healthcare and Primary Services
- International mobility for students with disabilities

Social networks

- https://it-it.facebook.com/universitapadova/
- https://it-it.facebook.com/universitypadova/
- https://www.instagram.com/unipd
- https://twitter.com/UniPadova
2 Nomination and Application

Nominations:

Partner Universities should send students’ official nominations through our online form: https://www.unipd.it/en/bilateral-agreements-students

Nomination deadlines:
Autumn/Winter Terms and Full Year – from 14th March to 30th April
Spring Terms – from 1st August to 30th September

Applications:

Application instructions will be automatically e-mailed to all nominated students.
The online application for Exchange students is available after registration in our student portal.
Further info: https://www.unipd.it/en/before-your-arrival-bilateral-agreements

Please note that Unipd does not accept free-mover students.

Application deadlines:
Autumn/Winter Terms and Full Year – from 15th April to 15th June
Spring Terms – from 15th September to 15th November

Language requirements

- B1 English level, for students attending courses in English
- A2 Italian level, for students attending courses in Italian

Documents accepted: official language certificates, attendance certificates of intensive courses, certificates issued by University officers/professors attesting language proficiency level, transcript of records including language exams results.

Submission by
15th September
(Autumn/Winter terms and full year)
15th February
(Spring terms)

Required documents*

- Identity card or passport
- Learning Agreement
- Transcript of records (of the degree course currently attended)
- European Health Insurance Card or private insurance valid abroad
- Language certificate (optional at this stage)

*To be submitted through the online Application form and anyway before starting the mobility period.

All nominated students are accepted.

PhD students only: nominations are subject to further approval due to the need to find a local research supervisor.
Due to the limited number of places available in the students' halls of residence, only non-European students who need a study visa to enter and stay in Italy can apply for accommodation. These students will be invited by email to fill in an Accommodation form, in order to request a place. The rooms will be assigned based on the chronological order of the requests. We cannot guarantee that all non-European students will be assigned a room.

Accommodation support and Canteen service are provided by SASSA Service (Desk of the ESU – Regional Agency for the Right to Study).

Accommodation form:

https://www.esu.pd.it/en/sassa-service

**Deadlines:**
- Autumn/Winter Terms and Full Year – approx. May-June
- Spring Terms – approx. first half of November
- Price range: € 245 - € 350 per month
- Booking fee: € 350 to be paid in advance

Housing contracts duration

The accommodation offers sent by SASSA Service will report standard dates of start/end, which correspond to the duration of the semesters. Students can always ask for customised start/end dates if their stay differs considerably from the standard dates. Students may have to arrange an alternative accommodation if they arrive earlier than their place is available.

Further information regarding on-campus accommodation in Unipd is available at:
Accommodation | Università di Padova (unipd.it)

Private housing

As an alternative to on-campus accommodation, students can search for private rooms/apartments on HousingAnywhere, an international housing platform through which they can book a room/apartment offered by verified private landlords and by outgoing students.

To receive a Unipd VIP profile and priority access to the listings:
https://www.unipd.it/housinganywhere-pd-en

Canteens

There are 4 University canteens all around the city and 1 canteen in Agripolis Campus.
Price Range for exchange students: € 4,60 - € 5,70 per meal
https://www.esu.pd.it/en/our-main-activities/food-services-canteens
Academic calendar

The organisation of the academic activities in trimesters or semesters depends on the degree course, not on the choice of students. The term system on which the course unit is based is displayed in the Course Catalogue.

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Semester System

**First (winter) Semester**
Classes, 3rd October 2022 – 21st January 2023
Exams, 23rd January – 25th February 2023

**Second (spring) semester**
Classes, 27th February – 17th June 2023 Exams, 19th June – 22nd July 2023

*Exceptions: in the first semester the Master’s degree in Forest Science starts on 26/09/22; in the second semester the Bachelor's degrees in Dietistic and Nursing start on 06/02/23.

Trimester System

**First (fall) Trimester**
Classes, 3rd October – 3rd December 2022
Exams, 5th December – 21st December 2022

**Second (winter) Trimester**
Classes, 9th January – 18th March 2023
Exams, 20th March – 5th April 2023

**Third (spring) Trimester**
Classes, 12th April – 17th June 2023 Exams, 19th June – 22nd July 2023

Recommended arrival dates and ORIENTATION

Orientation activities usually take place before classes begin or during the first week of classes
Further information: [http://www.unipd.it/en/welcome-days](http://www.unipd.it/en/welcome-days)
(The programme will be updated a couple of months before the start of the classes)
Courses available to exchange students

Course catalogue
*Italian version:* [http://didattica.unipd.it/](http://didattica.unipd.it/)
*List of courses held in English:* [http://en.didattica.unipd.it/catalogues](http://en.didattica.unipd.it/catalogues)

In the Course Catalogue the Educational offer is divided per School. The language of the course is indicated in every course page. Students can easily identify the course units they are allowed to attend, with the label “The course unit can be attended by Erasmus+ and other exchange students”.

Exchange students should carefully read the Guide “How to choose courses at Unipd” ([available here](http://en.didattica.unipd.it/)), which contains instructions on how to browse the Course Catalogue, how to fill out the Learning Agreement and on the restrictions on course units for exchange students.

The start and end dates mentioned in the course catalogue are the general term dates. You can check the real start date of your classes on the [timetable portal](http://en.didattica.unipd.it/) (fully updated a few weeks before the start of the courses).

Language of instruction
The main language of instruction at Unipd is Italian, but we offer a large number of complete degree courses and course units held in English. Make sure to check in our Course Catalogue the teaching language for each course unit.

Credit and grading
Unipd uses the ECTS credit transfer system. The grades for each exam successfully passed can range from 18 to 30. In case of exceptional performance, the grade is 30 cum laude. In some courses, the grade can be expressed instead as “fail”, “sufficient”, “satisfactory”, “good”, “very good” or “excellent”. For other courses and activities, such as the Italian Language Laboratory for exchange students (3 ECTS), the positive assessment is not expressed in terms of a grade but simply as “Pass”.

Standard course load
20-30 ECTS per semester is the average/suggested amount for exchange students (not mandatory for Unipd!). 30 ECTS is the standard full-time semester load for degree seeking students.

1 ECTS credit equals 25 hours of study, including contact hours and self-study.

Course registration
Students do not need to enroll formally in course units. Two online platforms are used for course and exam registration:
- “Uniweb” student portal: students must fill out a study plan here, which will allow them to sign up for exams at the end of the classes.
- “Moodle” teaching platforms: due to the online teaching, it is required to register in each course unit before classes start.

Examinations
Each exam session usually offers 2 exam dates for each course. It is possible to sit an exam on the first date and then re-sit it on the second date in case of failure (unless formally prohibited by the responsible Professor).

Transcript issuance
Unipd will send the Final Transcript of Records (list of all the passed study activities and of their respective grades) directly to an email address of the student’s Home University. Students will have to request the ToR online only after all the exams are registered in the online “booklet” in the Uniweb student portal. Failed exams are not registered in the online booklet; therefore, they will not be reported in the ToR.
5 Pre-departure

Website
https://www.unipd.it/en/before-your-arrival-bilateral-agreements

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Visa and residence permit
Non-EU students residing in non-EU countries must apply for a visa before arriving in Italy. Please refer to:
Before your arrival - See Step 6
http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en

Health Insurance
Health insurances/cards for non-EU students must be valid for the whole duration of the stay. For private insurance, the insurance company must guarantee a medical coverage of at least Euro 30,000 and coverage of emergency medical evacuation and repatriation of remains. It must also have an agency or an emergency contact based in Italy.

The detailed minimum requirements must be checked with the Italian embassy of reference, since they may vary depending on the embassy.

Italian language course
The University Language Centre (CLA) offers a 3 ECTS free course to all exchange students during the mobility period:
http://cla.unipd.it/en/courses/italian-courses/
Bilateral Agreement students can attend the Biannual Italian language course during the semester.

Only the first course attended will be free of charge.

Important!
- The Italian language course final test does not award any final grade, only “Pass”
- Language requirements for Unipd cannot be fulfilled by attending this course

Other online activities
Students will be informed by email of any other online opportunities they can take part in before their arrival in Padua (such as: eTandem learning organised by the Language centre; webinars organised by the GaragErasmus association, etc.).
SAOS
Welcome Service for Foreign Guests
This desk of the International Relations Division assists extra-EU students on immigration-related procedures upon their arrival.

SASSA
The SASSA Service desk from ESU (Regional Agency for the Right to Study) manages the accommodation in the student residence halls and the canteens.

https://www.esu.pd.it/en/sassa-service

Buddy Service
All students will be assigned a tutor “Buddy” student before their arrival in Padua. The Buddy (i.e. a senior University student) will welcome and support exchange students during their stay.

Buddies will contact students using their institutional email account @studenti.unipd.it a few weeks before the start of the semester activities.

Students with disabilities or learning difficulties
The Student Services Office organises specific initiatives for students with disabilities who wish to participate in an exchange programme.

Students with disabilities or learning difficulties and vulnerable students can arrange for favourable conditions during their stay in Padua by informing the Student Services Office of their condition before they arrive.

https://www.unipd.it/en/inclusion-international-mobility

Psychological and Psychiatric assistance
The Psychological Assistance Service and the Psychiatric Consultancy Service are a point of reference for any students who encounter psychological difficulties during their studies, personal problems or unease (anxiety, relationship problems, and academic performance).

Both services are completely free of charge for all students of the University of Padua.
Healthcare and Primary Services | Università di Padova (unipd.it)

University Language Centre (CLA)
CLA - Italian language course for Incoming Students
http://cla.unipd.it/en/

University Sport Centre (CUS)
Sport (athletics, rugby, volleyball, basketball, boat races…) both at competitive and amateur levels; two sport facilities in Padua.
Home | CUS Padova

ESN - ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK
The association of volunteer students who support exchange students during their international mobility in Padua.
ESN assists exchange students by answering their questions and helping them in dealing with any kind of issue they might have.

ESN also organises activities, trips and parties to promote Italian culture with the aim to create a positive environment where everybody can feel at ease and make new friends.
ESN Padova - Erasmus Student Network
7 Contacts

Mobility Unit - Central Desk

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Students and Partner Universities can contact the central desk about:
- Nomination/Application procedure
- Accommodation
- Visa/Residence permit process
- Learning Agreement Before the Mobility
- Orientation/Welcome Days
- Buddy Service
- Arrival/Departure certificate
- Final Transcript of Records

Mobility Unit desks at the School/Department

Students and Partner Universities can contact the Mobility desks at the School/Department about:
- Learning Agreement During the Mobility
- Information about courses and exams
- Information about the School/Department services (Libraries, tutors, study rooms, etc.)

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